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SUBJ: GOJ FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS IN DIET

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SUMMARY: HEIGHTENED CONCERN WITH NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES IS LEADING THEME IN FOREIGN POLICY SECTIONS OF BOTH PM MIKI'S AND FONMIN MIYAZAWA'S POLCIY SPEECHES TO DIET SEPT 16. FOLLOWING MIKI SPEECH (REF A), FONMIN MIYAZAWA DEVELOPED FURTHER KEY POINTS OF GOJ EFFORT TO HELP RESOLVE NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATION, MAINTENANCE OF KOREAN STATUS QUO, "PIVOTAL IMPORTANCE" OF RELATIONSHIP WITH US AND HOPE FOR EARLY SIGNING OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP TREATY WITH PRC. MIYAZAWA ADDITIONALLY PROMISED "REDOUBLED EFFORTS" TO WIN FRIENDS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, REGISTERED "SINCERE HOPE" FOR DIET RATIFICATION OF NPT AND HINTED AT RAISING OF DIPLOMATIC
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PROFILE IN EASTERN EUROPE. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBASSY IMPRESSED BY EXPLICIT STATEMENT OF GOJ CONCERN WITH NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES AND ITS SATISFACTION WITH STATE OF EAST-WEST RELATIONSHIP, POST-HELSINKI. MIKI STATED RESOLVE "TO EXERT UTMOST DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS" IN PURSUIT OF BETTER RELATIONS BETWEEN DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING NATIONS. BOTH MIKI AND MIYAZAWA LABELED NORTH-SOUTH CONFRONTATIONS NOW "ONE OF MOST IMPORTANT FOREIGN POLICY PROBLEMS" FACING JAPAN. MIYAZAWA, ELABORATING ON THIS THEMED, COUPLED APPEAL FOR A "HARMONIOUS SOLUTION" BY OIL PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS OF OIL PRICING IMPASSE WITH RECOGNITION OF NEED TO STABILIZE SUPPLY, DEMAND AND PRICES OF ALL PRIMARY COMMODITIES. WHILE PROMISING ONLY "FRANK DIALOGUE" AND AN UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD THIRD WORLD, MIYAZAWA NONETHELESS EXPRESSED BOJ WILLINGNESS TO SEEK SOLUTION ON A COMMODITY-BY-COMMODITY BASIS AND CONSIDER "AN APPROPRIATE GLOBAL SCHEME FOR THE STABILIZATION OF EXPORT REVENUES OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." TONE OF MIKI AND MIYAZAWA REMARKS WAS RATHER MORE POSITIVE THAN AMBASSADOR KIMURA'S TO THE UNGA 7TH SPECIAL SESSION (REFS B AND C).

2. IN MIKI GOVERNMENT'S FIRST POLICY STATEMENT TO DIET, IN JANUARY, OIL CRISIS-ORIENTED MIDDLE EAST DIPLOMACY WAS KEYNOTE OF FOREIGN POLICY SPEECHES. THIS TIME DISCUSSION OF PROBLEM IS NOTEWORTHY IN THAT MIKI "STRONGLY APPEALED" TO OPEC FOR PRICE RESTRAINT. PLEASURE EXPRESSED OVER 2ND STAGE SINAI DISENGAGEMENT AND PRAISE FOR US ROLE IS BALANCED BY REASSERTION OF GOJ SUPPORT FOR UNGA RES. 242 AND FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

3. KOREA WAS GIVEN THIRD BILLING. HERE CONCERN OF MIKI AND MIYAZAWA TO SATISFY BOTH DOVES (BY STRESSING HOPE FOR AN EARLY RESUMPTION OF NORTH-SOUTH TALKS AIMING AT PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION AND GRADUAL EXPANSION OF NON-DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS WITH DPRK) AND HAWKS (BY EMPHASIZING THAT US FORCES ESSENTIAL TO MAINTAIN BALANCE AND THAT JAPAN INTENDS TO PROMOTE FURTHER "FRIENDLY, COOPERATIVE" RELATIONSHIP WITH ROK") IS EVIDENT.

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4. SHORT COMMENTARIES ON RELATIONSHIP WITH US ARE NOTABLE FOR THEIR CONFIDENCE IN ITS IMMUTABILITY. RELATIONS WITH PRC, IN JANUARY A MAJOR THEME, ARE ADDRESSED BRIEFLY AND WITH EVIDENT SATISFACTION. MINISTERS EXPRESSED HIGH HOPES THAT EARLY CONCLUSION OF TREATY OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP WITH PRC WILL, IN MIYAZAWA'S WORDS, "LAY THE FOUNDATION OF ETERNAL FRIENDSHIP." IN STRIKING CONTRAST, BOTH MINISTERS EVIDENCE FRUSTRATION OVER SOVIET REFUSAL TO CONSIDER

RELINQUISHING NORTHERN TERRITORIES. WESTERN EUROPE RECEIVES ONLY BRIEFEST MENTION, HIGHLIGHTING MIYAZAWA'S MENTION OF AJAPNESE DESIRE TO PROMOTE FRIENDLY TIES WITH EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. WE NOTE, ALSO, MIYAZAWA'S STRESS ON EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE TIES WITH ASEAN STATES. FINALLY, MIYAZAWA EXPRESSED (MORE, WE SUSPECT, FOR THE RECORD THAN FROM ANY OPTIMISIM ABOUT CHANCES FOR RATIFICATION IN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION) HOPE THAT DIET WOULD RATIFY NPT "AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE."

5. COMMENT: MIKI AND MIYAZAWA SPEECHES DO NOT SO MUCH REFLECT GOJ'S FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES AS THEY ADDRESS QUESTIONS OF CONCERN TO PUBLIC AND INDICATE AREAS WHERE GOJ BELIEVES PUBLIC'S ATTENTION SHOULD BE DIRECTED.
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